

BANNER SEASON FOR THE LUMBERMEN

Four Months of Good Sledding with Conditions Ideal for Work in the Woods—Deerfield Lumber Co. Cut 16,000,000 Feet—Operations in the West River Valley

The season of lumbering operations recently closed will bring in the aggregate of hundreds of thousands of dollars in circulation in Windham county, and the supply of logs cut and hauled will keep the mills in nearly every town in the county busy throughout the winter, and the value of the cut in the winter of 1906-07 has never been exceeded, and the conditions for work in the woods were seldom so favorable for an entire winter. There was snow sufficient for good sledding throughout four months, but there was never any great depth of snow to hinder operations, and drifts and crusts which are frequently a source of trouble, did not form to any extent.

The Deerfield Lumber company of Wilmington, which is the largest lumber concern in this part of the state, made a total cut of 16,000,000 feet of timber and kept 100 men steadily employed in the woods in Somerset, Stratton and Chittenden. The men have not been scattered in all directions, but a full force will be back early next fall. The snow has not interfered with the operations of the railroad, built from Mountain Mills into the forest last summer and fall, and logging trains have been running regularly over its entire length of 10 miles, and the company has a full force of men at Mountain Mills in the town of Stratton. Mountain Mills is now a hive of industry and 100 men are employed there, and that force will be maintained regularly hereafter in the saw and pulp mills, in addition to about 50 up the river who are employed in handling and loading the logs. The company has 50,000 feet of lumber on hand, and it is expected that the cut in the woods each season hereafter will be about 20,000,000 feet. The production at Mountain Mills at the present time amounts to 50,000 feet daily, but only one side of the mill is being run, and the other side will be started soon, and the output daily will be 100,000 feet. The Deerfield Lumber company will run a log drive down the east branch this season, but that will be the end of log drives in that section, as hereafter the railroad will be utilized in handling the logs and river traffic will cease. There is a good prospect that within another year a hard wood mill will be located at Mountain Mills. This would bring a good number of permanent residents to the town, and would mean a very desirable increase in population and volume of business.

The Hoosac Tunnel and Wilmington railroad gives the lumber company good service and there is no complaint of car shortage. The transfer to the Fitchburg division of the Boston & Maine railroad is made at Hoosac Tunnel and there are always plenty of freight cars returning from Boston empty which may be used in making the shipments of lumber. The Deerfield Lumber company's branch of the Deerfield River company's railroad will be extended from the main line to Chase's mills in Somerset. The length of this line has not been determined, as the route has not been decided definitely. About 100 men will be employed in the work of railroad construction. While the company plans eventually to run its line through to Manchester, having a main road 30 miles long, this work may not be completed for three or four years. The company's branch line is completed into Somerset, and will be within striking distance of all the timber that it will need for some time.

The troubles of the West River valley lumbermen and their efforts to get better railroad service have been subject of extended newspaper discussion within the past few weeks. It is claimed that lumber to the value of \$250,000 is now awaiting shipment at different stations along the line. While the output has been curtailed to some extent by the lack of cars for shipment and the consequent inability to fill orders the season is a busy one, and at the mills has been a busy one.

The Jamaica Lumber company has employed 40 to 50 men and about 30 teams this season, with a payroll averaging \$3500 monthly. The company is operating three mills at present in Jamaica village, where there is about 1,500,000 feet

of logs to saw this season, mostly taken from the Shrewsbury and West hills, which the company will clean up in another season. The company has also taken several hundred thousand feet from the Cressy lot on Turkey mountain and the Knight lot on South hill. The greater part of this stock is spruce and hemlock, with some hard wood. The company has hired the Holden & Martin mill on Cobb brook, where it will saw out the logs remaining on the Abbott and Hamilton lots on Turkey mountain. F. G. Hosley has the contract of cutting and drawing the logs from these lots. W. F. Cutting is operating a mill for the company at Windham station, sawing out the timber on the Cressy lot last summer. He will finish in about two months. John McCurdy has a job on the log cutting and drawing, and will get out about 1,000,000 feet of soft wood and 200,000 feet of hard wood from this lot.

The operations of the H. S. Gallup Lumber Co. have been curtailed about one-half owing to the poor railroad service. Last year the company cut over 5,000,000 feet, but was unable to ship only one-half of it, and so concluded to limit this winter's cut. The company has had about 30 men and 25 teams employed and has operated two mills, one in Bondville, where it has sawed out about 500,000 feet of spruce and hemlock taken from the Castle lot. This job was finished in February. The other mill is on the Orcutt meadows, the timber lying on the edge of Stratton mountain. Here over 2,000,000 feet has been sawed out, some soft wood and some very fine mountain birch. W. E. Shippey has the job of drawing the logs at the mill, employing 40 men and teams. The job will last several years. All the lumber from the mill on Orcutt meadows is drawn by rail to the Stratton mountain station, there stuck up and afterward loaded on cars. Five men under supervision of F. C. Chandler are employed in the railroad work, and in the mill, also. Mr. Shippey has about 300,000 feet in his mill yard in Jamaica village. These logs were brought by different people and instead of being loaded on the cars from the Wheeler lot near Adams pond.

The Windham Light & Lumber company received a small stock cut from several different jobs. This company has recently made a large sale of standing timber and other property to the Jamaica Lumber company, and the latter concern will saw out the logs at the Mill Lake mill. W. H. Joslin of Jamaica has in his yard a large stock of handsome logs, these logs will be used in manufacturing baby carriage spokes, ax helms, chair staves, etc. Active operations have begun on the Butler place lot in East Jamaica, and enough logs have already been cut so that a mill soon will be built there to saw them out. This lot is estimated to contain about 1,500,000 feet of lumber, mostly pine, with some good hemlock and oak. A good lot of logs have been drawn into the Cutting mill, now owned by C. E. Wilder, mostly for the Deerfield River company. The E. D. Williams mill was stocked this season by E. C. Warner, who was killed in the woods recently. These logs will probably be sawed out in West Jamaica.

There has been less lumbering than in previous years in Stratton, probably not over half a million feet being cut. A big timber sale has been made by the Emporium Lumber company of Keating Summit, Pa. This company acquired the extensive holdings of the late Silas Griffith, who owned a large tract in Stratton, Windham and other towns, some 50,000 acres in all. The company will let the timber in Stratton stand several years before cutting it. The Somerset Land company, headed by Livingston Cushing of Boston, also owns big forests in Stratton, but its operations this winter have been less than in Somerset.

The lumbering operations in Londonderry and vicinity have been large, probably 5,000,000 feet of lumber being cut. The towns of the great plains and the northwestern part of the county in which a large business has been carried on, but the returns from them are not complete. There are nine mills in Hallifax, which is a record, and about 30,000 feet a day, and have furnished employment regularly through the winter to 75 hands. There are five mills in operation in Marlboro.

PROTESTS AGAINST CANADIAN SEINING.

Senator Proctor Writes Secretary Root Concerning Alleged Violation of Official Promise.

United States Senator Redfield Proctor has written a letter to Secretary Elihu Root of the state department calling his attention to the action of the Canadian authorities in licensing seining in Mississippi bay, part of Lake Champlain, in alleged violation of a promise said to have been made last year by Jean Provost, minister of fisheries at Quebec. It is understood that Secretary Root has promised to bring the matter to the notice of the British ambassador, Mr. Bryce.

In his letter to the secretary Senator Proctor said that the people of Vermont are very indignant at the action of the Quebec authorities, and he inclosed newspaper clippings indicating that the action was a "violation of a promise said to have been made last year by Jean Provost, minister of fisheries at Quebec. My answer to them was that anything that benefited a part of this ultimately benefited all of it. The same argument applies to now in reference to the shipping bill.

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ROOSEVELT'S PLEA FOR SHIP SUBSIDY.

The Only Device That Will Restore Our Commerce to the High Seas, He Says.

Congressman E. M. Pollard has received a letter from President Roosevelt thanking him and other Western Congressmen for their support of the Canadian shipping bill, and deprecating the defeat of the bill as a serious injury to the commercial interests of the West.

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Mr. Martin is at work for Dr. Emond, while Dr. Emond is away.

Sprague Burbank of New York is here looking after his farming interests. He intends to build a new barn here this season, and to have everything in fine shape.

The steamer "City of Troy" was burned at Dobbs Ferry, N. Y., Friday night, and the passengers and 25 members of the crew were saved through the bravery of Capt. Charles H. Butler, who stood at the wheel while the vessel ran eight miles up the Hudson river seeking a landing, with the flames crackling all over the craft.

That the Isle of Pines is not American territory was decided Monday by the supreme court of the United States. The decision was rendered in the famous case of *Edward J. Pearey vs. Nevada N. Stranahan*, collector of the port of New York, and the opinion of the court was announced by Chief Justice Fuller, who said that up to the Paris treaty the Isle of Pines had been considered as an integral part of Cuba, and that it could not be held to be covered by article 2 of that treaty, which included only islands in the vicinity of Cuba.

WEST DOVER.

Mr. Homer Lord is at J. A. Davis's.

G. E. Mann was in Londonderry Monday on business.

The ladies' aid society will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. George H. Adams.

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons are expected home this week from California, where they have spent the winter.

Mrs. C. E. Mann and two children visited Mrs. Mann's sister, Mrs. Edgar Pike, in West Wardsboro Monday.

The death of Albert Johnson, which occurred in Wilmington last Thursday, is regretted by his many friends in this place, where he was well known, having lived in town many years, going to Wilmington about a year ago. He was always cheerful, and being of a genial disposition made friends wherever he went. He will be sadly missed. Several of his old acquaintances attended the funeral in Wilmington Saturday.

WEST GUILFORD.

Winter has come again, 17 inches of snow having fallen since Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd and two children of Colman spent Sunday at Mrs. Miller's father's, D. S. Bond's.

Isaac Robb, Jr., of Cape Cod is staying a few days with his family at Thomas Betterley's. Calvin Coleman has sold Mr. Robb a horse.

GREEN RIVER.

Mrs. A. G. Gallupe is on the sick list.

Miss George of Boston is the guest of Mrs. Bert Stowe.

H. E. Lynde returned Saturday from Concord, Mass.

Leslie Gerrish of Barnardston visited his aunt, Mrs. Bide Carter, last week.

Claire Gallupe of Brattleboro has visited two weeks with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Gallupe.

Among the visitors in town Sunday were Mrs. Alice Baird, Miss Hattie Thayer and John Barden at Fred Stowe's, P. C. Gallupe in the family of A. G. Gallupe.

HALIFAX.

Frank Stone's four-horse team, with a large load of lumber, was crossing the Harris bridge on North river Friday morning, when the first half of the bridge gave way, just as the leading horses had passed the middle beam. The wheel horses, the wagon and the driver, Carl Stone, dropped and fell into the river. The leading horses were freed from the wagon by the breaking of the pole. Fortunately nothing was broken except the pole and a few staves. The driver escaped without injury and the horses only sustained a few bruises. Mrs. Harris witnessed the accident and by the use of the wheel horses and the help of the men on the bridge, the horses were freed in half an hour.

EAST JAMAICA.

Iola Gibson is ill.

The River school opened Monday, with John Wolcott teacher.

Will J. Allen and his family of Brattleboro spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Allen.

Mr. Hattie Lee has returned to Brattleboro after a brief visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walcott Howe.

Helen Howe of the Turkey mountain district is boarding with Mrs. Etha Woodford and attending the River school.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Grant have come to make their home in town. They are at Mrs. Grant's father's, E. M. Butler's, while Mr. and Mrs. Butler are visiting in Rutland.

LANDROVE.

Mrs. Albert Beers is working for Mrs. Fisk.

John Dryden is away on a trip to Boston.

Horace Dryden is at home from Rutland because of ill health.

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G. G. BENEDICT DEAD

Nestor of the Newspaper Profession in Vermont

Had Been Proprietor of the Burlington Free Press Over Half a Century—Soldier and Historian.

George Grenville Benedict, 82, proprietor and editor-in-chief of the Burlington Free Press and dean of the newspaper profession in Vermont, died Tuesday morning in Champlain, N. Y., after a long illness. He was born in Champlain, N. Y., and came to Vermont as a young man. He spent his winter years in Florida with his wife and daughter, and after his first attack of illness recovered sufficiently to come as far north as Camden, N. H. Benedict was born in Champlain, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1825. His father was George Whittier Benedict, a man of great professional and editorial ability, and in a practical way his second founder. His mother was Eliza Devere, of the family which gave Adams Devere to the University of Vermont in 1847 in the class which contained men afterward distinguished in professional walks of life. After leaving college Mr. Benedict taught a year in Washington Institute in New York city, and the next three years superintended the construction of the lines of the Vermont and Boston Telegraph company, of which he was president 1860 to 1862.

He became associate editor and proprietor of the Burlington Free Press in 1862. He was postmaster of Burlington and from 1889 to 1893 was collector of customs of the district of Vermont under President Harrison.

August, 1892, Mr. Benedict enlisted as a private in Company C, Twelfth Vermont Infantry. In January following he was promoted to the rank of sergeant, and in May to that of captain. He was with the regiment at the battle of Gettysburg July 1, 1863. He was mustered out of service July 14, 1863.

On returning from the field Mr. Benedict resumed his connection with the Burlington Free Press in the capacity of editor-in-chief, which position he occupied for a few years. He was president of the Vermont Historical society, president of the Vermont society of the Sons of the American Revolution, and editor of the Vermont Historical Review, a quarterly publication of the Vermont Historical society, which he edited for many years.

He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion. He was for forty years a trustee of the University of Vermont, and had also served as school commissioner of Burlington. As an active Republican he was secretary and chairman of the state committee of his party, and a delegate to state and national conventions. One of his brothers, John G. Benedict, was born to the name of Benedict, and was a member of the United States circuit court in the eastern district of New York.

Mr. Benedict was married in 1852 to Miss Mary A., daughter of Edward Kellogg, Esq., of Champlain, N. Y.; she died in 1889, leaving a daughter, Miss Mary A. Benedict, who was married to Mr. C. H. Benedict, a son of Rev. Calvin Pease, D. D., of Rochester, N. Y., ex-president of the University of Vermont. A daughter who was born to them died in infancy, and a son, Prof. George Willis Benedict, of Brown University, Rhode Island, was born Jan. 12, 1872.

300,000 Brook Trout Fry Dead.

In the past few weeks 300,000 brook trout fry have died at the state hatchery in Roxbury. It is hoped that the mortality will decrease as the season advances.

The disease is peculiar. It attacks only brook trout fry, fingerlings and older fish are not affected, nor are the fry of lake trout or brown trout.

After it had progressed some weeks last year, the disease was traced to the United States bureau of fisheries was requested and Prof. M. C. March was sent to the hatchery to make an investigation. He was unable to determine the cause. The water supply was good and culture for bacteria produced negative results. The fry were incubated, but there was nothing to be learned from them.

It was not until the water was changed that the fry began to recover. The water supply was good and culture for bacteria produced negative results. The fry were incubated, but there was nothing to be learned from them.

There are frequently such cases of epidemic at hatcheries, but it is seldom that the cause cannot be determined and regularly some fry taken by the government hatchery at St. Johnsbury from Lake Mendota, a private preserve, were placed in the hatchery troughs, and these too died.

The hatchery fry and those from the private stock were first attacked, but later the wild Colorado fry also succumbed to the disease, and some fry taken by the government hatchery at St. Johnsbury from Lake Mendota, a private preserve, were placed in the hatchery troughs, and these too died.

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The state furnishes no fry for private owners, ponds or streams, which persons stock with artificially reared fry, as an expert and the preserves thus constituted are increasing in number and extent every year.

White River Junction Gets State Fair.

The state fair commission, after looking over the situation in Burlington last year, decided in favor of Billings park, White River Junction, as the site for the state fair which will be held Oct. 1-3.

At the meeting it was announced that White River Junction would furnish 100 grounds free of charge to the state fair, and that there was a fund of \$15,000 with which to put the grounds in first class shape. The park contains 15 acres and 45,000 people from whom attendance would be drawn, including both Vermont and New Hampshire towns. In reply to a question about the title of the land it was said that if the state fair was a suc-

cess the Billings estate would probably transfer the property to the state fair commission.

The commission went in executive session to decide the question of location and voted first as follows: White River Junction; 7; Burlington; 5; Rutland; 4. The second and decisive vote stood: White River Junction; 9; Burlington; 5; Rutland; 2.

It transpired that after Burlington failed to carry its case within the time limit Maxwell Evans and some of the other heavy subscribers to the fund for Burlington agreed that if the fair went to White River Junction, they would transfer their subscriptions to that place. These are included in the sum which White River Junction will spend on Billings park.

Killed by Morphine.

John D. Salisbury, electrical engineer, Phillips was veteran and self-confessed counterfeiter, died recently in Boston from the effects of morphine. Salisbury was an electrical engineer when he enlisted in the signal corps in the Philippines. Here he was allowed to travel photographs of the belletrists in action, which were afterwards exhibited at the Pan American exposition, and captured by the Philippines. He was compelled to travel half naked through the swamps and glades until his condition became desperate. Agony overcame him, and he fled away from his captors only to be retaken, each time fresh tortments were added to the horror of his position. At length, again, he fled, and became lost in the Philippines. He decided to send him within the American lines Salisbury was granted his liberty on condition that he would not act as guide and with a party of soldiers he succeeded in bringing him around through the administration of large quantities of morphine, but when Salisbury arose from his sick bed he had become a hopeless slave to the habit. He then drifted to Vermont where he had many friends and finally ended up in the counterfeiting game in Poultney and was arrested and sent to four years in prison. On his return he was rearrested by the Malden, Mass., authorities and was released recently. He was going to see his wife in Watkins, N. Y., when the drug killed him.

The safe in the post office in Richmond was broken open early Monday morning, the robbers obtaining \$600 in stamps and several dollars in cash.

James A. Smith of Middlebury, who has been United States consul in Leghorn, Italy, has been transferred to Hong Kong Free State, Africa, where he will succeed General.

F. L. Jones, 52, employed as a farm hand by F. J. Chadwick in Randolph, was found dead in his room Friday, having hanged himself with a strap taken from a saddle. The cause of the suicide was not ascertained. He was unmarried, and is survived by three brothers and a sister.

Alexander K. Ritchie has been chosen president of the Burlington County National bank to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John S. Holden. Mr. Ritchie is owner of a large dry goods store in the village. He has been vice president of the bank since 1898.

Howard Jameson was shifting a belt in the Vermont Marble company's mill in Dorset Friday, when his sleeve caught in a set screw and was so fastened that the shafting until his clothes were stripped from his body and he dropped to the floor. His hip was broken, his body covered with bruises, and he probably sustained internal injuries.

George W. Pierce, master of the State change has appointed the following named members of the order in Vermont as a distinction to members of the National Arbitration and Peace Commission to the field in New York April 10-17: W. N. M. Middlebury, J. L. Lusk, Hardwick; R. E. Gale, South Ferrisburgh; John E. Gale, Guilford; C. H. Danvers, Swanton.

George H. Lewis, 52, who died in Huntington last week, was a veteran of both the Mexican and Spanish wars. In the civil war he served in Company L, Vermont Volunteers, three years, and later in Hancock's corps a year. He was a native of New York, and was born in Huntington 26 years ago. He is survived by a wife and two daughters.

Mr. John Franklin of Rutland is worthy of a Congressional medal for devotion to duty. The four-year-old son of Carl Erickson was playing with companions around a fire, when his clothes caught fire. Mr. Franklin was in his home on the upper floor of a house 100 yards away. Grabbing an old coat she ran to the lad and smothered the flames in his clothes just in time to save his life. The boy's burns are painful but not serious. Erickson's companions were so frightened that they ran away, leaving the lad entirely helpless until Mrs. Franklin arrived.

Mr. John C. Burke, 42, one of the most prominent women in Lowell, Mass., was suffering from nervous prostration and melancholia, and was found dead in her home Sunday by shooting through the brain. Her husband is a native of Lowell, and was a member of the National Guard, and was prominently mentioned for nomination for governor last year. Mr. Burke was a leader in the work of the Chamberlain, and the woman's husband lives in that town. Besides her husband she leaves a son and a daughter.

When the Worms Invaded Vermont and New Hampshire.

In the summer of 1870 this whole section of country was visited by an extraordinary calamity, such a one as this country never experienced before or since, beyond what I shall here specify. It was an army of worms, which extended from Lancaster, N. H., to Northfield, Massachusetts. They began to appear in the latter part of July, 1870, and continued their ravages until September. The inhabitants denominated them the "Noxious Army," as they seemed to advance from the north, or northwest, to pass east and south, although I do not learn that they ever passed the high mountains, and that they were everywhere raimed rivers. They were altogether innumerable for multitude. Dr. Burton of Thetford, Vt., told me that he had seen many pastures so covered that the grass was not put down his finger in a single spot without plucking it upon a worm. He said he had seen more than ten bushels in a bush. They were unlike anything which the present generation has ever seen. There was a stripe upon the back like black velvet; on either side, a yellow stripe, and the rest of the body was brown. They were not seen less than a pin, but in their maturity they were as long as a man's finger, and proportionally large in circumference. [The "Observer" criticizes in Manchester Union.]

Palatial Dwelling Near Peru.

It is reported that Mr. Clark of New York, one of the firm which last year bought about 2000 acres of land in Mr. Tabor and vicinity, will this summer build an elegant house there near the Peru line and lay out several hundred acres of land, and make improvements in the neighborhood. The